

Rangitikei District Council



RANGITIKEI
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 15 February 2018 – 9:30 AM

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Present: Cr Dean McManaway (Chair)
Cr Ruth Rainey
Cr Richard Aslett
Cr Cath Ash
Cr Nigel Belsham
Cr Jane Dunn
Cr Angus Gordon
Cr Lynne Sheridan
Cr David Wilson
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

Also Present Cr Graeme Platt

In attendance: Mr Ross McNeil, Chief Executive
Mr Glenn Young, Utilities Manager
Mr John Jones, Asset Manager – Roading
Mr Andrew van Bussel, Operations Manager
Mr Wiremu Greening, Utilities Projects Team Leader
Mr Chris Pepper, Senior Project Engineer
Mr Reuben Pokiha, Roading Advisor
Ms Gaylene Prince, Community & Leisure Assets Team Leader
Ms Melanie Bovey, District Librarian & Community Housing Liaison
Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Mr George McIrvine, Group Manager, Finance and Business Support
Ms Nardia Gower, Governance Administrator

Tabled Documents **Item 6:** Chair's Report

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Council Prayer

Cr McManaway read the Council prayer

3. Apologies/leave of Absence

That the apology of Ms Hiroa be received.

Cr Wilson / Cr Belsham. Carried

4. Members' conflict of interest

Members were reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda.

5. Confirmation of order of business

There was no change to the order of business

6. Chair's Report

The Chair spoke to his tabled report. Issues raised were:

- Council investing in assets and infrastructure on private land where legal right to access had not been finalised.
- Trickers site in Bulls is a complicated example where the existing paper road legal access has been obstructed by buildings and an alternative route has been verbally agreed to by both parties. With new infrastructure investment required on the site, formal legal rights of access need to be secured.
- Preliminary design work for the new access to the Trickers site have been completed, with further design work required taking six months.
- It was suggested that a policy on process of ensuring legal access to Councils strategic assets be explored.
- An outline of legal access issues on strategic sites would be useful.

Resolved minute number

18/AIN/001

File Ref

3-CT-13-4

That the Chair's Report to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 15 February 2018 be received.

Cr McManaway / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

Motion

Council stops any expenditure on the Trickers site after a period of one month if Council does not have legal right to access site.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Dunn.

Amendment:

Council stops any expenditure on any new physical works on the Trickers property if Council does not have legal access to the site.

Cr Belsham / Cr Dunn. Lost

Motion

Council stops any expenditure on the Trickers site after a period of one month if Council does not have legal right to access site.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Dunn. Lost

Motion:

Resolved minute number **18/AIN/002** **File Ref**

That the Chief Executive provide a detailed report on ownership of strategic sites and access to them to the March 2018 meeting of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee.

His Worship the Mayor / Gordon. Carried

7. Confirmation of minutes

Amendment of minutes:

16. Late Items: identify the bridge as the Otara Bridge

Resolved minute number **18/AIN/003** **File Ref** **3-CT-13-2**

That the [amended] Minutes of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 9 November 2017 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Aslett/ Cr Sheridan. Carried

8. Progress with strategic issues

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

9. Road Maintenance Contract 980 (three year extension)

Mr Jones spoke to the report.

Points raised were:

- The contract with Higgins is for 3 years + 3 years + 3 years.
- If the contractor's road sealing not meet the performance criteria, it is repaired at contractor's expense.
- The contract rollover will continue under current cost terms and contained within Council budget.
- Periodical requests to amend contracts are allowed within contractual agreements.

Resolved minute number **18/AIN/004** **File Ref** **C980**

That the report on Road Maintenance Contract 980 (three year extension) be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number **18/AIN/005** **File Ref** **C980**

That Assets and Infrastructure committee recommends to Council that Council directs the Engineer to negotiate with Higgins Contractors Limited to extend Road Maintenance Contract 980 for a further three year term.

Cr McManaway / Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number **18/AIN/006** **File Ref** **C980**

That the Engineer submits the draft negotiated agreement to Council for approval by 30 April 2018.

Cr Aslett / Cr Sheridan. Carried

10. Improving road safety

The Committee noted the attached information.

Comments made were:

- Rumble strips are scheduled to be placed on particular roadsides between Whanganui and Bulls.

- Council has an increased focus on high crash areas and mitigation of 'hot spots' within the District which is included in the first three years of the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan.
- His Worship the Mayor is to respond to the Associate Transport Minister Julie Anne Genter, that Council does not have an appetite for a blanket speed reduction to 80 km/h on rural roads where no white lines are present. The preference would be to use discretion on a case by case basis.

11. Survey of Library uses

Ms Bovey provided the Committee with a presentation which is tabled.

Main points discussed were:

- Worth analysing the number of book borrowed per head of population
- WiFi counts every time a person logs on and identifies how many are unique.
- WiFi costs are very competitive through the Aotearoa People's Network Kaharoa. The cost is fixed – i.e. does not increase with additional usage.
- Library card holders are able to access ePukapuka which is a combined resource of 15 libraries throughout the lower North Island, whereby the community can borrow e-books, magazines and audiobooks (which automatically return at the end of the borrowing period). Council pays \$2,000 per year to belong to this service.

12. Renewal of Marton wastewater treatment plant

Mr Pepper provided the Committee with an update. Main points raised were:

- A report will be provided to next month's Asset/Infrastructure Committee meeting on operation of the management plan under the Heads of Agreement between Council and Midwest and the business case for accepting treated leachate from Bony Glen after 31 March 2018. .
- A detailed business case supporting the proposed combined Marton-Bulls wastewater scheme will outline all options and present the justification for the preferred scheme. The design perspective of a combined system will include potential users such as ANZCO and Ohakea Air Base.
- Staff have been discussing with Horizons the consenting process for this combined scheme.
- The new scheme will require 100% land discharge. Detailed soil mapping will be undertaken for areas around Bulls and Crofton, to identify suitable land. Hydro geology of sites will occur and the long term infiltration implication on aquifers is a consideration of Horizons. A second application for funding will be sought through the Ministry for the Environment's Freshwater Improvement Fund.
- The question was raised of treated wastewater being a saleable commodity with potential to generate revenue.

Undertaking

Subject

The Marton-Bulls Wastewater Advisory Group to be informed on recent developments

Resolved minute number **18/AIN/007** **File Ref**

That the update 'Renewal of Marton wastewater treatment plant – January 2018' to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting 15 February 2018 be received.

Cr Sheridan/ Cr Dunn. Carried

13. 3 Water Compliance Update

Mr Young took the report as read. Points raised were:

- Non –compliance of wastewater in Marton is due to the seasonal occurrence of the Tutaenui low flow. Controls have been put in place to minimise additional impact.
- The high e-coli levels upstream of the plant and downstream of the plant show that the impact does not occur from the plant.
- Testing of both ingress and egress of water in Bulls is currently being undertaken following cross contamination concerns from Ohakea's historical use of foam. It is confidently understood that the Rangitikei River acts as a natural barrier and any cross contamination for Bulls water is highly unlikely.

Undertaking **Subject**

That the appendix, as stated in item 5 of the 3 Waters Compliance report, be circulated to Assets/Infrastructure Committee Members.

Resolved minute number **18/AIN/008** **File Ref** **5-EX-3-2**

That the report '3 Waters Compliance – January 2018' be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Sheridan. Carried

14. Streetlight Maintenance Contract 1005

Mr Jones spoke to the report, noting that Alf Downs is not seeking a rollover of their contract due to the recent installation of LED lights.

Consideration was given and dismissed on seeking a combined contract agreement with other Councils.

Resolved minute number **18/AIN/009** **File Ref** **C1005**

- 1 That the report on Streetlight Maintenance Contract 1005 be received.

- 2 That the Assets/Infrastructure Committee recommends to Council that, in terms of section 17A(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002, it is satisfied that the potential benefits of undertaking a review of the cost-effectiveness of the present arrangements do not justify the costs of undertaking the review because of the specialised nature of the service,

AND

That, subject to Council approving the recommendation regarding section 17A(3)(b), a new Contract is prepared and tenders called to engage a Streetlight Maintenance Contractor to commence 1 July 2018.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Sheridan. Carried

15. Extension of Mt View cemetery, Marton

The Committee noted the attached proposed concept plan for extending the Mt View cemetery. The current Community Services budget allowance covers berms with \$15,000 for roading being allocated from next year's budget.

16. Questions put at previous meeting for Council's advice or action.

- Investigation of carpark sealing at Taihape Swim Centre

Miss Prince provided the Committee with a presentation.

Main points discussed were:

- The Taihape Park User group is looking at the big picture that includes location of ablution blocks and community facilities, together with the Parks and Reserves Team Leader who has long term considerations for the park.
- Concerns were raised over the close vicinity of vehicles on Loader Avenue to skate park and playground users and Taihape Area School's student foot traffic, and the lack of fencing, signage or speed limits. There is no vehicle access along Loader Avenue during the period where the pool is closed.
- The playground might be relocated to the site of the old toilets.

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| Miss Prince to investigate the District Plan requirements for parking compliance with regard to a public swimming pools (bearing in mind parking in Kokako Street). | |
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Resolved minute number **18/AIN/010** **File Ref**

That the presentation on the carpark sealing at Taihape Swim Centre is received

Cr Gordon / Cr Ash. Carried

17. Activity management

Roading and footpaths Mr Pokiha spoke to the report highlighting

- The Jeffersons Line and Galpin Rd projects are both progressing.
- The resealing programme noted in the Roothing report as being 41% complete is now 79% complete, and scheduled to be finalised by the end of February, weather permitting.
- The Pedal for Pleasure cycle event includes some parts of the roading network currently under work as part of the route. Council staff have been made aware of this and are working with the organisers to ensure the roads are satisfactory for the day.
- The new pedestrian crossings requested between Hereford and Morris Streets are not physically possible to construct.
- The Taihape Community Board has requested that Council does not relocate the pedestrian crossing at Hautapu/Huia Streets.

Undertaking **Subject**

Mr Pokiha to clarify the what is covered under the Maintenance 122 Traffic Services maintenance of 'Financial Tracking'

Water (including rural water supplies)

Sewage and the treatment and disposal of sewerage

Stormwater drainage *(a report on stormwater 'hot spots' was not tabled)*

Mr Greening took the report as read.

An update to the Ratana Bore highlighted:

- Sealing with be completed at the end of the week
- The recommendation is to install a hydrocyclone filter to deal with sand, at a cost of approximately \$20,000. The original performance of the bore was measured at a flow rate of 10 litres/sec, the screen reduces that flow to just over 9 litres/sec.
- The bore is expected to be operational by the end of March.

- Concern was raised over the longevity and level of service of the bore, however no greater security on service would be given with an alternative. The volume capacity is expected to be 50 years – subject to age of water.
- The report from David Voss will identify alternatives should the current bore not be sufficient, fail or access denied.
- Negotiations with the land owner over legal access are still in progress.

Further report highlights :

- Two of the three tenders for the Taihape Falling Main removed their interest in the contract. The remaining contractor met all requirements and at a competitive price.
- The upgrade in Broadway Marton is progressing well. A report will be provided to the next meeting with consideration of investment in the reinstallation of the footpaths.
- Veranda support posts are to be replaced with new posts, where substandard.

Rubbish and recycling

Mr Pepper took the report as read

- Staff will address the complaints with regard to the Taihape refuse Centre.

Resolved minute number **18/AIN/011** **File Ref**

That the activity management templates for January 2018 for Roothing, Water (including rural water supplies), Sewerage and the treatment and disposal of sewage, Stormwater drainage, Community and leisure assets, and Rubbish and recycling be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Gordon. Carried

18. Late Items

None

19. Future Items for the agenda

None

20. Next meeting

15 March 2018, 9.30 am

21. Meeting closed 12:05pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: